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NUMBER	SUBMITTED BY	SUBJECT	SUMMARY	CITY POLICY	STAFF RECOMMENDATION
FAIR-1 Renew	Finance, Administration and Intergovernmental Relations (FAIR) Steering Committee	In Support of Allowing Federal Home Loan Banks to Assist Cities in Tax- Exempt Financing	Amend the Internal Revenue Code and add the Federal Home Loan Banks to the list of organizations in section 149 of the Internal Revenue Code so that the Federal Home Loan Banks can provide standby purchase agreements, letters of credit, and other credit enhancements to cities.	Planning and Management Element, Fiscal Management Sub-Element, Goal 7.1C: Debt: Provide a framework for the wise and prudent use of debt.	Support
FAIR-2 Renew	Finance, Administration and Intergovernmental Relations (FAIR) Steering Committee	In Support of the American Community Survey	Support the American Community Survey and the Census Bureau's 2010 re-engineering effort, and seeks continued partnership with the Census Bureau as the 2010 re-engineering effort develops throughout the decade.	No specific City policy	No Position
FAIR-3 New	Finance, Administration and Intergovernmental Relations (FAIR) Steering Committee	In Support of Advanced Refunding of Tax-Exempt Bonds	Support legislation in the Senate, the <i>Municipal Debt Refinancing Act</i> (S.271), which would permit municipalities and other issuers of tax-exempt bonds an additional opportunity to advance refund outstanding tax-exempt bonds.	Planning and Management Element, Fiscal Management Sub-Element, Goal 7.1C: Debt: Provide a framework for the wise and prudent use of debt.	Support
EENR-1	Energy, Environmental, and Natural Resources (EENF) Steering Committee	Water Infrastructure Financing	Urge Congress and the Administration to reverse the decline in federal financial participation in funding municipal water infrastructure needs; and that Congress and the Administration enact new legislation which provides adequate and reliable long-term funding for municipal water infrastructure needs to help close the \$23 billion annual spending gap.	LAP: 3.1(10) Support increased federal support for municipal water infrastructure needs. Support reversing the decline in funding for municipal water infrastructure, and close the \$23 billion annual spending gap between funding levels and actual appropriations. (It is just as important for sewer as it is for water)	Support
EENR-2	Energy, Environmental, and Natural Resources (EENF) Steering Committee	Closed Federal Facilities	Support funding for environmental remediation of closed federal facilities; and that such appropriations be used to complete the needed remediation expeditiously thus ensuring the economic viability of the affected communities and the prompt reuse of these facilities.	LAP - Community Development 3, (5) Encourage federal cooperation with local governments if planning to restore, replace, close, or relocate a federal facility. (7) Advocate at the state and federal levels for adequate funding for basic research and for programs that will strengthen the region's R&D infrastructure.	Support

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EENR-3	Energy, Environmental, and Natural Resources (EENF) Steering Committee	Sufficient Funds for Clean up of Estuaries and Bodies of Water	Support US congressional legislation that requires the federal government to provide sufficient funds for clean up of such estuaries and bodies of water.	LAP: 3 (7) Support strengthening wetlands protection Wastewater Management Sub-element, Policy 3.3C.3, Action Statement 3.3C.3a: Continue to work with neighboring cities, state and federal agencies, and through the Watershed Management Initiative, to solve mutual water quality problems.	Support
EENR- 4	Energy, Environmental, and Natural Resources (EENF) Steering Committee	Indoor Air Quality in Schools	Support federal legislation enacting standards for school air quality and providing sufficient funds to remediate or otherwise relieve identified problems with indoor air quality in public schools.	LAP 3.8 (8) Support federal legislation that requires the federal government to provide sufficient funds to remediate or otherwise relieve identified problems with indoor air quality in schools.	Support
EENR- 5	Energy, Environmental, and Natural Resources (EENF) Steering Committee	In Opposition to Certain Exemptions to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)	Oppose exemptions from NEPA for activities beyond three nautical miles from shore.	LAP: 1.ii (8) Oppose broad exemptions from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).	Support
HD-1 Renew	Human Development (HD) Steering Committee	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant	Support reauthorization of TANF Block Grant with increased funding and change the focus to poverty reduction; require states to be held more accountable for how they apportion and use TANF Block Grant funds; have more emphasis on job training and education; more emphasis on coordinating funding with housing opportunities; local government should be included in the TANF reauthorization process.	LAP-5 B/C/D. (1) Provide county government with the maximum flexibility to design welfare-to-work programs that address unique local circumstances that remove potential barriers to entry in the job market for assisted individuals and increase their learning potential. LAP-5 E/F. (6) Support a coordinated strategy to improve employer access to employment training, and federal and state initiatives that augment local autonomy on employment training (retain the strong role of the chief elected officials and Private IndustryCouncils). Broaden the definition of who is eligible and provide "one-stop shopping."	Support (supported Resolution in 2002)

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HD-2 Renew	Human Development Steering Committee	Supporting the School-to-Work Opportunities Act	Support development of U.S. congressional legislation to approve funding to continue the School-to-Work Opportunities Act. The effect of successful legislation would be to continue to fund at the federal level the School-To-work efforts to develop industry/education (private/public sector) partnerships while sustaining existing programs and partnerships. The intent is to leverage the original investment made with the federal funds & to build on & enhance existing infrastructure that has been successfully developed nationwide over the past six years.	LAP-5 E/F (5) Support increased state & federal appropriations for & client access to adult education, job training. & job retention programs.	Support (supported Resolution in 2002)
HD-3 Renew	Human Development Steering Committee	Federal Reimbursement to Local Governments for Special Education	Support U.S. congressional legislation that requires federal government to reimburse local governments for 40% of special education costs.	Policy 5.1E.1 Support educational reforms that will cost-effectively result in better education.	Support (supported Resolution in 2002)
HD-4 Renew	Human Development Steering Committee	Supporting the Workforce Investment Act	Support reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and urge Congress to fully fund the Act's employment and training programs; support maintaining funding to local communities; oppose further consolidation of the WIA's employment and training programs; support continued flexibility regarding WIA's youth programs; support removing the requirement for local youth councils from WIA; oppose adding a faith-based initiative to the WIA; support additional reforms.	Socio-Economic Goal 5.1F Provide job training and employment services within constraints of operative, federal regulations and available federal funding, to address the locally-determined employment and training needs of economically disadvantaged residents and others with special needs.	Support
HD-5 Renew	Human Development Steering Committee	Equitable Medicare Reimbursement	Support Congressional action to rectify the current Medicare payment formula inequities and reduce the geographic disparity	LAP 5.G. 2 Support state and national health programs to ensure all citizens have adequate coverage at an affordable cost, incorporating the principles of simplicity and local flexibility, without making the employer solely responsible for funding the program.	Support

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HD-6	Human Development Steering Committee	Resolution Endorsing the 10-Year Planning Process to End Chronic Homelessness	Support the Administration's goal to end chronic homelessness in the US in 10 years; urge the Administration to seek new funding to support this initiative.	<p>Goal 5.1.J Encourage and support a network of human services that provides for the basic needs of Sunnyvale's residents</p> <p>Policy 5.1.J1 The City shall seek to have as many Human Service needs as possible met through other resources in the following priority: self help, private non-profit organizations, other government entities.</p> <p>LAP 2.3 (8) Support full funding for the McKinney Homeless Act or other similar programs.</p>	Support
HD-7	Human Development Steering Committee	Funding for After School Programs	Support legislation that requires the federal government to restore funding for after-school programs and services.	<p>Policy 5.1E.3 Support legislation that will provide appropriate state funding for kindergarten through 12th grade education in Sunnyvale, including funding for extracurricular activities.</p>	Support
HD-8	Human Development Steering Committee	Full Funding of "No Child Left Behind" Act	Support legislation that requires the federal government to increase funding by \$4.5 billion for the "No Child Left Behind" Act.	<p>LAP 7.1.12 Support funding for local governments and schools that are not in conflict with each other.</p> <p>LAP 7.1.11 Oppose unfunded or underfunded state or federal mandates.</p>	Support
CED-1 Renew	Community and Economic Development Steering Committee	Free Trade Area of the Americas Agreement	Asks Administration & Congress to consult with state & local officials prior to negotiating any provisions of the FTAA to ensure that trade negotiators do not undermine the scope of local governmental authority under the Constitution, while assessing the impact of a proposed agreement on state & local laws & future law-making authority, & when necessary, providing general exceptions to safeguard local sovereignty & protect effective local programs and initiatives.	LAP 2. (4) Support state and federal economic development strategies with sufficient funding for new economic development initiatives, and recognition of local involvement in strategies for economic viability (i.e., trade policies).	Support (supported Resolution in 2002)

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CED-2 Renew	Community and Economic Development Steering Committee	Historic Homeownership Assistance Act	Support the Historic Homeownership Assistance Act and urges Congress & President to enact it expeditiously.	LAP 2.3(4) Support state reimbursement to local agencies for low-income housing projects & appropriation of funds in the state budget for reimbursements to local governments that provide property tax exemptions for low-income housing projects	Support (supported Resolution in 2002)
CED-3 New	Community and Economic Development Steering Committee	Support for Reforming HUD's Budgeting Process	Urge HUD to carefully reform its accounting and projection procedures so there are no miscalculations; ensure that families and senior citizens in need of affordable housing are not affected by the miscalculations; urge Congress to provide supplemental funds to cover the shortfall	LAP 2.3 (3) Support the continuance of the Section 8 rental assistance program, maintaining the supply of Section 8 and other predominantly multi-family housing threatened by the expiration of federal housing subsidy contracts, and efforts to ensure HUD sets a fair market rent standard that is reflective of actual housing market conditions.	Support
CED-4 New	Community and Economic Development Steering Committee	Funding for Community Development	Support legislation that requires the federal government to provide flexible funding and technical expertise to enable communities to design and lead neighborhood revitalization projects.	LAP 2.3 (3) Support the continuance of the Section 8 rental assistance program, maintaining the supply of Section 8 and other predominantly multi-family housing threatened by the expiration of federal housing subsidy contracts, and efforts to ensure HUD sets a fair market rent standard that is reflective of actual housing market conditions.	Support
CED-5 New	Community and Economic Development Steering Committee	Southern Regional Commission – “Black Belt” Initiative	Support the Southern Regional Commission (the Black Belt Initiative) which will aid in the economic and social development of the 242-county black belt; support Senator Miller's bill for funding to aid impoverished rural counties; support Representative McIntyre's bill to merge the Black Belt counties with the current Delta Regional Authority.	No specific City policy	No Position
TIS-1 Renew	Transportation Infrastructure and Service (TIS) Steering Committee	Federal Preemption of Local Authority Related to Railroads	Oppose reauthorization of U.S. Surface Transportation Board (STB) unless & until law is amended to ensure cities have police, zoning & land use authority for protection of environment & public safety.	No specific City policy	Support (supported Resolution in 2002)

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TIS-2 Renew	Transportation Infrastructure and Service (TIS) Steering Committee	Addressing the Federal Railroad Administration's Proposed Rule Affecting municipal Whistle Ban Ordinances	Support the notion that the whistle ban issue is left to local government; if a federal rule is adopted, funding should be provided to local governments to meet the criteria.	LAP-1 ii. (1) Support home-rule authority of charter cities and oppose any efforts to reduce local control. Support strengthening "home rule" provisions in the State Constitution. LAP-7.1 (11) Oppose unfunded or underfunded state or federal mandates. Support legislation that would require an extraordinary vote for mandates.	Support (supported Resolution in 2002)
TIS-3 New	Transportation Infrastructure and Service (TIS) Steering Committee	Supporting the American Rail Equity Act	Support the American Rail Equity Act; provide Amtrak with adequate operating assistance and make much-needed capital investment in passenger rail, including the development of high-speed rail corridors.	No specific City policy	No Position
PSCP-1 New	Public Safety and Crime Prevention Steering Committee	In Support of Interoperable Public Safety Communications Systems and Funding	Support remedying the current shortage of broadcast spectrum availability; support adequate funding for interoperable equipment to better coordinate emergency response; support adopting legislation establishing a firm date of Dec. 31, 2006 for broadcast stations to vacate television channels currently blocking radio spectrum required for public safety radio communications systems.	Law Enforcement Sub-Element 4.1A.1 Provide rapid and timely response to all emergencies. Fire Service Sub-Element 4.2A.3c Seek improvement of dispatch and response policies, provide resources, and implement changes that may favorably affect response time. 4.2D.1 Adjust to changing service requirements, new laws, regulations, policies, technologies and changes occurring in the Community.	Support
PSCP-2 New	Public Safety and Crime Prevention Steering Committee	Resolution Affirming the Principles of Federalism and Civil Liberties	Support the campaign against terrorism; urge the President to review policies adopted since the terrorist attacks; amend the PATRIOT ACT; support the "Freedom to Read Protection Act of 2003"; support increased Congressional oversight over the role of the agencies responsible for enforcing the PATRIOT ACT; call on Congress and other agencies to partner with cities to protect our hometowns.	No specific City policy	No Position

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PSCP-3 New	Public Safety and Crime Prevention Steering Committee	The Homeland Security Advisory System (HSAS)	Urge the Dept. of Homeland Security to improve the HSAS system; have the Emergency Alert Systems (EAS) be made interoperable and consolidate HSAS with these updated systems; urge the federal government to provide funding to local governments to cover costs associated with heightened threat levels.	Legislative Action Policy 4. Public Safety 4.1 Law Enforcement (26) Request federal resources to mitigate local government cost to respond to terrorist threats. Balance the cost of security against terrorist threats with ongoing needs for water and wastewater infrastructure. (30) Support strong intergovernmental partnerships that ensure effective communications, long-term financial support to municipalities for their roles in national defense, and true collaboration in preventing and responding to any acts of terrorism in America's cities and towns.	Support
PSCP-4 New	Public Safety and Crime Prevention Steering Committee	Opposition to the Criminal Alien Removal Act of 2003 (The Clear Act)	Local police should not be responsible for the enforcement of federal immigration laws; oppose the Clear Act; if the federal government requires that local law enforcement work as immigration officers, the federal government must pay all associated expenses.	Legislative Action Policy 4. Public Safety 4.1 Law Enforcement (10) Support a coordinated and cooperative program between the courts and INS to identify and deport illegal immigrants convicted of felonies in the State of California, either after they have served their sentence or with the understanding they will be incarcerated in their home country. Support federal reimbursement to local agencies for cost of incarcerating criminal illegal aliens. Law Enforcement Sub-Element 4.1D.1 Coordinate law enforcement planning with local, regional, State and Federal Plans.	Support

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PSCP-5 Renew	Public Safety and Crime Prevention Steering Committee	Methamphetamine Labs Occupational Hazard Study	Support efforts to secure funding for hazardous material equipment & training that reduce occupational health issues associated with methamphetamine lab seizures & clean up.	Law Enforcement Sub- Element 4.1A.1d – Maintain, train, & equip special response teams for extraordinary or extremely hazardous emergency incidents. Fire Services Sub-Element 4.2 A.1a – Work cooperatively with the appropriate city departments in issues related to the acquisition, use & maintenance of equipment & facilities. Assign top priority to emergency equipment. 4.2A.1b – Research new equipment & replacement needs & recommend purchases with specifications that meet industry standards, local needs, & Public Safety requirements 4.2 B.2 – Operate response system that will provide effective control & investigation of hazardous materials emergencies. Support Services Sub-Element 4.3E.2 – Provide personal safety equipment consistent with legal requirements & City policy.	Support (supported Resolution in 2002)
PSCP-6 Renew	Public Safety and Crime Prevention Steering Committee	National Standards of Integrated Justice Information Systems	Supports efforts by Congress to assist state and local governments with developing and funding integrated criminal justice information systems; and establish uniform standard for criminal justice information systems and provide financial assistance to state and local government willing to implement integrated criminal justice information systems that incorporate established stands.	Legislative Action Policy 4. Public Safety 4.1 Law Enforcement (31) Support efforts by Congress to assist state and local governments with developing and funding integrated criminal justice information systems.	Support (No position taken in 2002)
PSCP-7 Renew	Public Safety and Crime Prevention Steering Committee	Restructure of the Extradition Policy Between Mexico and the United States	The President and Congress use all diplomatic means at their disposal to insist that the “Extradition Treaty (1980)” be revised to resolve the critical issue of the extradition of those suspected of committing serious and violent crimes against the people in the United	Legislative Action Policy 4. Public Safety 4.1 Law Enforcement (32) Support the “Extradition Treaty” (1980) be revised to resolve the issue of extradition of those suspected of	Support (No Position taken in 2002)

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			States.	committing violent crimes against people in the United States.	

ITC-1 New	Information Technology and Communications (ITC)	In Support of Interoperable Public Safety Communications Systems and Funding	The federal government must resolve interoperability problems that affect emergency communications systems, remedy the current shortage of broadcast spectrum availability for public safety needs, and provide adequate funding for interoperable equipment. Support adopting legislation establishing a firm date of Dec. 31, 2006 for broadcast stations to vacate television channels currently blocking radio spectrum required for public safety radio communications systems.	LAP-4.3 (1) Support efforts to ensure protection of sufficient radio spectrum to meet public safety's current and future needs. Public safety needs should have priority over private or for-profit communication systems. Telecommunications Policy 7.2.11 E.1.d –Promote interoperability, efficient interconnection, and adherence to open industry standards for all elements to facilitate City-wide connectivity.	Support
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